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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES

REF: A. HONG KONG 3248 (NOTAL); B. HONG KONG 3463;  
C. 77 STATE 216522

1. CONCUR WITH POSITION CONGEN HAS TAKEN, AS DESCRIBED  
REFS A AND B, TO CEASE U.S. PROCESSING OF REFUGEES ACCEPTED  
BY SWISS AND NORWAY AND TO INFORM THOSE REFUGEES THAT THEY  
ARE INELIGIBLE FOR U.S. BECAUSE OF THIRD COUNTRY ACCEPTAN-  
CES.

2. NOTE FROM REF A THAT ALL REFUGEES ACCEPTED BY NORWAY  
WERE PROCESSED BY U.S. UNDER CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM.  
UNDER THAT PROGRAM INS DIDIR HAS DISCRETION TO WITHDRAW  
APPROVALS AT ANY TIME, EVEN AFTER SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES  
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HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. SAME POINT APPLIES TO REFUGEES AC-  
CEPTED BY SWISS WHO WERE PROCESSED UNDER CEP.

3. AS FOR REFUGEES ACCEPTED BY NORWAY WHO WERE PROCESSED  
UNDER IPP-77, PARA 2 REF C NOTES THAT REFUGEES NOT IN  
CATEGORY I WILL BE PROCESSED BY U.S. ONLY IF THEY HAVE NO  
RESETTLEMENT OFFER FROM THIRD COUNTRY. PARA 2 ADDED THAT

THIS RULE WOULD APPLY EVEN AFTER REFUGEES APPROVED BY INS BUT NOT AFTER SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES WERE RECEIVED. THUS POLICY IS CLEAR THAT, IF THIRD COUNTRY ACCEPTS REFUGEES APPROVED BY INS UNDER IPP-77 BEFORE SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED, REFUGEES CAN BE DROPPED FROM U.S. PROGRAM.

4. CONVERSELY, HOWEVER, ONCE ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED FOR IPP-77 REFUGEES, PARA 2 REF C INDICATES THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED FROM U.S. PROGRAM. NEVERTHELESS, WE CONCUR WITH ARGUMENTS ADVANCED BY UNHCR AND CONGEN AS CITED REFS A AND B THAT IF WE GIVE WAY ON REFUGEES ACCEPTED BY THIRD COUNTRIES, EVEN AFTER U.S. ASSURANCES ARE RECEIVED, OTHER REFUGEES WILL TAKE SAME STANCE AND REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIRD COUNTRY OFFERS. THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT AND INS/CO AUTHORIZE EXCEPTION BE MADE TO PARA 2 REF C ON ONE TIME BASIS ONLY FOR CASES IN QUESTION TO EFFECT THAT EVEN IF ASSURANCES RECEIVED ON IPP-77 REFUGEES THEY SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM U.S. CONSIDERATION IF THIRD COUNTRY ACCEPTS THEM. VANCE

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